(4) programmes for promotion of national integration among the youth by organising camps of students and non-student rural youth to afford opportunities to them to learn about inter-regional traditions, customs and cultural heritage.

(5) programmes under the Scheme of Zonal Cultural Centres and National Cultural Festival aimed at providing exposure to youth and the public of the wide canvas of India's cultural heritage.

Appointment of GSA in London

945. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed a new General Sales Agency (GSA) in London within six months of terminating the previous one and that the main Directors of the newly appointed GSA do not have previous experience in travel trade;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for terminating the earlier GSA and then appointing a new one within six months with persons without any previous experience; and

(c) what procedure is adopted by Government in appointing the agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. The working Directors and other staff of the newly appointed G.S.A. have past experience in the travel trade ranging from 3 to 20 years.

(b) The agreement with the earlier G.S.A. was terminated because there were a number of complaints against him pertaining to the standard of service rendered to passengers, etc. A decision to revert to the system of appointing a G.S.A. has now been taken by Air India conciously to augment its declining revenues.

(c) The Government is not involved in the appointment of a G.S.A.

Lok Utsav Festivals

946. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lok Utsav festivals have been organised in various cultural centres in October, 1986;

(b) whether any guidelines have been given regarding participation in the festivals;

(c) whether Government are aware that in the festival held at Nagpur, the Andhra Pradesh Government instead of sending folk artists from tribal areas sent students to participate in tribal dance items;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether tribal organisations in Andhra Pradesh have protested against this; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) On the occasion of the inauguration of the South Central Zone Cultural Centre at Nagpur on 2nd October, 1986 a cultural function was organised in which all the participating States including Andhra Pradesh sent their cultural troupes. The Andhra Pradesh Government has intimated that the following folk troupes were sponsored by it:—

1. Veeranatyam
2. Tappetagullu
3. Kolatam

4. Chekkabhajana
5. Koya
6. Bonalu
7. Lambada
8. Gussadi

Only items 7 and 8 were performed by 24 students from Government College of Music and Dance, Hyderabad, with a view to encourage them and provide opportunity to show their talent in other art forms on such occasions.

(e) and (f) No original tribal organisation has protested against this except one Girijana Nritya Akademi, Hyderabad.

Vacant Posts in JIPMER, Pondicherry

947. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 242 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th March, 1986 and state:

(a) what is the number of postslying vacant at present at JIPMER, Pondicherry;

(b) the date on which each of these posts have fallen vacant; and

(c) what are the details of steps that have been taken to fill up these posts.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) 39 medical (Group A) and 8 non-medical Group 'A' and Group 'B' posts are vacant at present in Jawaharlal Institute of Post-graduate Medical Education and Research, Pondicherry.

(b) and (c) As per statement Annexed. [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 38].

Non-implementation of Commitments made by Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University

948. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of times Delhi University teachers have gone on strike during the term of the present Vice-Chancellor;

(b) what is the number of working days lost as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that teachers in the university are not happy over failure of the university authorities to implement the commitments made during the last strike;

(d) whether any commitments were made by the Vice-Chancellor; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps are being taken to remedy the situation in Delhi University?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) The Delhi University Teachers had gone on strike once after the present Vice-Chancellor assumed office. The strike began on December 10, 1985 and was called off on February 22, 1986.

(c) to (e) The understanding reached with the DUTA, on the basis of which the strike was called of provided for:—

(i) Continuance of the Merit Promotion Scheme.

(ii) Improvements in the housing facilities.